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"What Made PACIFICON '92 Such A Success?"

Lots of ideas have been expressed about the success of PACIFICON '92. Most of what has been said deals with success of the convention to MDARC: a sell-out crowd, the financial success of the exhibitors/dealers, the quality of the technical sessions, and the fulfillment of the banquet-good food and the speaker was light-hearted and entertaining. All of this is certainly true enough.

But the question still remains. "What made PACIFICON '92 so successful?" Some might say it was the "newness" of having MDARC host the event. Or, others could ponder the momentum that grew throughout the year and a half of planning and talking about it. One might suggest the club "lucked out"; that out of great organization, and the right time and place, over 2000 people showed up and the event was a success.

As I write this, it has been one month to the day of PACIFICON '92. My perspective of what happened during that week-end is of course biased, but I believe I have found an answer to the question that fits for me. I think the reason PACIFICON '92 was so successful was because of the MDARC members who participated in it. I'm speaking of all the participants. The PACIFICON committee members, the many MDARC members who actively volunteered, and the numerous other members who came to the convention to enjoy it.

It seemed to me, the MDARC members share a genuine attitude of acceptance of others that makes people feel included. This attitude was openly expressed through the friendliness and camaraderie that prevailed throughout the convention, and throughout the week-end. The attitude of acceptance, coupled with the "let's have fun while we get the job done" feeling extended into the crowd and made the convention experience a pleasant one. The attitude was exhibited through the numerous friendly smiles, warm welcomes, and extended hands being expressed and experienced. There was a heart-felt coalition between the members that filled the air. For me, this answers the question; "What made PACIFICON '92 so successful?"

Joyce D. Shappee, at WA5HJQ @KI6WE.#NOCAL.USA.NA

***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST OF NEW YEARS
FROM MDARC!!!***

PACIFICON '92 REPORT

After two years of planning, thousands of labor-hours, 262 banquet dinners, and a weekend of Amateur Radio ecstasy, PACIFICON '92 is officially over. As I write this article, Dick KT6X is closing out the books and people are starting to find ways to make PACIFICON '93 even bigger and better.

Approximately 2,200 people attended PACIFICON '92. Thanks to MDARC members who traveled to southern California, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii selling tickets, we sold over 2,500 tickets. Many MDARC members used PACIFICON '92 as a chance to get people interested in Amateur Radio. The Club gained a few members at the show, and many more people learned about MDARC and expressed an interest in joining.

MDARC members worked long and hard to make PACIFICON '92 the best ever. Honorable mention goes to the PACIFICON committee, but dozens of people helped. Ticket sellers left home early Saturday mornings (4:30 AM!) to travel to different swap meets and sell tickets. Volunteers staffed the main desk, the MDARC booth, the special event station, the swap meet, the exhibit hall, the talk-in net, and technical sessions. Volunteers helped with the banquet, provided audio-visual equipment, coordinated non-ham activities, and built an entire video console. A crew worked the entire weekend to videotape the technical sessions using all their own equipment.

Almost \$5,000 was spent for door prizes and volunteers helped draw the winners and deliver the grand prizes. Hundreds of letters were mailed, thousands of phone calls were made, and countless hours of meetings were held. MDARC members demonstrated the spirit of Amateur Radio by giving generously to PACIFICON.

We had equipment on display from the CDF, Martinez Police Department, The Red Cross, the Sub-Human II, and the electric automobile association. (Did you know the Sub-Human II recently set the Guinness world record!). There was plenty to do at PACIFICON '92.

MDARC received hundreds of compliments especially on the technical sessions. The ARRL supported us by providing a full slate of speakers, and Rosalie White took charge of a new twist in Amateur Radio - A youth forum. As the program went to press, Larry W6CPO and Pete N6QGN were working hard to find speakers for all the suggested topics. The technical sessions covered thirty different speakers and topics. Even with diligent planning, almost every session was standing room only. "Even though we did a survey about technical sessions, it was hard to know what size room to assign to different technical sessions" remarked Larry W6CPO. (We are planning next year's speakers now. Call Larry W6CPO to find out how you can help or call the PACIFICON hotline at (510) 932-6125.)

The financial goal of PACIFICON '92 was to make the convention affordable to all and not lose any money. Since attendance was so high, we ended up paying back MDARC's initial investment and making \$4,100 profit. The bulk of this

money, \$3,500, came from the 700 tickets sold at the door. "I can't believe ticket sales at the door were so good, I was only expecting about 200 people" said Dick KT6X. "Even Club members were buying tickets at the door!" This unplanned for revenue means there is enough money left as seed money for hosting PACIFICON '93. Since MDARC was hosting this as a service to the Amateur community, we kept costs low and tickets affordable. We also let Amateur radio groups, like Army MARS and the NCPA, have exhibit tables at cost. The money available for PACIFICON '93 is about equal to the money we needed for PACIFICON '92. A complete financial statement will be submitted to the MDARC Board of Directors.

We are starting to build the team to lead PACIFICON '93. Do you have ideas that you would like to see at PACIFICON '93? Do you want to work on a winning team? Listen to the net for information on the next PACIFICON meeting and get involved. The only way to top PACIFICON '92 is with your help on PACIFICON '93!

Pete Tormey, President, MDARC,
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Membership in the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club is open to anyone with a sincere interest in Amateur Radio. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join. This openness is not only part of the Club by-laws, but is the very essence of MDARC. Often members of MDARC express opinions that seem to contradict the club policy. These opinions are NOT the opinion of MDARC. Only elected officials, in accordance with MDARC's by-laws, may speak for the Club.

Recently an article appeared in the Carrier written by a committee chairman which discouraged membership in MDARC because of their implied lack of interest in the auction. Committee chairmen are volunteers working to help the Club. Committee chairmen are not elected representatives of MDARC and the opinions expressed in the article belong to the author. I regret the error and the confusion resulting from that article, and offer an apology to any who felt the opinions were inappropriate.

The MDARC board of directors would like to maintain the Carrier as an open forum for members. At the same time, MDARC has no obligation to publish articles detrimental to the Club. Opinions should be clearly labeled as opinions to avoid any future confusion. The Carrier belongs to the club members and I strongly encourage any and all to submit articles for publication.

I also encourage all members to participate in MDARC activities. Join a committee, run for office, or become an elmer. If you familiarize yourself with the way MDARC is governed, you will see how good people working together make Amateur Radio fun. For the past two years I have been very fortunate to work closely with hundreds of fine MDARC Members. We hosted a splendid convention, held great (continued on next page)

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auctions, hosted radio classes, donated books to the library, and worked countless hours of public service. We also held Christmas parties, picnics, transmitter hunts, and had lots of fun. MDARC belongs to the people that get involved, and is open to any willing to contribute.

73 Pete Tormey, President, MDARC,
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THE EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Please take a few minutes and turn to the October 23, 1992 MDARC Board minutes published in this month's Carrier. Please read carefully.

I have always taken my responsibility as the Editor of the Carrier very seriously. I believe that the Carrier is as much, if not more, a means of communications for the MDARC membership as the MDARC Board of Directors. My editorial policy is simple: as long as it is not obscene, pertains to amateur radio, is an interest to our club, and there is space available (generally not a problem) it will be published.

Not everything published in the Carrier will be of interest to all members. If it is not of interest, then you need not read or pay any attention to that particular article. The same is true of opinions expressed by individual members; these opinions will not always be popular. If you do not agree with the opinion being expressed, then skip the article and go to the next. There should be enough diversity in the Carrier to satisfy everyone.

Our society, and hopefully MDARC as well, is based on the fundamentals of free speech. As long as I am the Editor of your newsletter I will defend this fundamental right...as long as it is not obscene, pertains to amateur radio, is of interest to MDARC and there is room (first come, first serve).

The MDARC Board of Directors notified me in writing that any articles submitted by Paul Girard in the future have to be first reviewed by the President. This action greatly concerns me, as it should all MDARC members. It violates the very reason we are all amateurs; to communicate and interact with others. Others with different backgrounds, ideas and perspectives. Others that WE can choose to, or not to, communicate or interact with.

The Board's action in censoring (don't fool yourself into thinking its not censorship) Paul is a knee jerk action by a small minority of the club. It was not well thought out. I personally would have preferred that the outgoing Directors would had left such an important decision to the MDARC membership or at least the incoming Directors. It also raises several difficult questions. Is the Board's action legal under the bylaws of MDARC? Who does the Editor of the Carrier answer to; the members of MDARC or the Board of Directors? What is the role of the both the Editor and the Directors with respect to the Carrier? Should the Editor be elected, just as the Board of Directors

are, by the members of MDARC? Do the Directors have confidence in the present Editor? Who's censored next? I urge the membership to ask these questions at the next General Membership meeting on January 15, 1993 (December's the Christmas party; let's just have fun!).

Fortunately for all of us, Paul hasn't submitted any articles this time around. But the issue is not Paul Girard. It's the role of the Carrier in MDARC.

This has been the opinion of YOUR Editor, Greydon Hicks,
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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VINCE CRONIN, WA6KDA

A memorial service for Vince Cronin, WA6KDA, will be held on Saturday, December 19, 1992 at 1:00 PM at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 2305 Camino Tassajara, Alamo, near the Alamo Post Office.

Vince was a former member of MDARC before relocating to North Carolina because of his daughter's health. He was instrumental in starting the MDARC Silent Key Plaque, donating the first two plaques himself. It is unfortunate that MDARC's bylaws will not allow Vince's name to be placed on the Silent Key plaque that he help create.

Parky Parkinson, K6IMV

WANT TO UPGRADE OR GET LICENSED? ELMER EAGER TO HELP!

Are you encountering a learning block concerning electronic theory or knowledge required to pass your upgrade or license exam? There are twenty volunteer ELMERs available to help you over the rough spots. You don't have to be a member of the club to take advantage of their expertise. There are no stupid questions. Get on the Technical Net on Sunday nights at 7:30 PM, 146.060 MHz, PL 100 or call Ray, KD6BLS, ELMER Coordinator, at (510) 933-3242.

Ray, KD6BLS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 1993

By now you should have received your renewal notice for MDARC membership for 1993. If you have not, let Membership Chairman George Jones, KI6YK, know about it *right away* by calling him at 837-9316. Please be sure to send in your Membership Form and renewal check as soon as possible. They're due by December 31st. And don't forget to pay some attention to the section on the Membership Form "I am interested in and might be willing to help with..."

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

by George Jones, KI6YK

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new members:

ISSEKS, Barry; KE6KYD, Advanced

31 Placer Pl., Walnut Creek, CA 94596

NIEMAN, Fred; KC6VLL, Technician

615 Rincon Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803; (510)223-1748(h), (510)231-0300(w)

OWENS, Ed; SWL; 3509 Vancouver Way, Concord, CA 94520
(510)798-2977(h)

Congratulations to the following on his upgrade and new call:

Ed Hillyard: Technician, KD6OCV

Mike Jarchow's new address is 310 Houston Ct., Danville, CA 94526 and his phone number is (510)831-1051.

MDARC Christmas Party

Just a reminder, the MDARC Christmas party is on December 18, 1992. Seating is limited and reservations are going fast! Please see your November Carrier for more details.

MEETING VISITORS

We were delighted to welcome the following guests at the November General Meeting:

Carl R. Bergman, W6IGF, 2100 Cactus Ct. 3, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. Carl belongs to the Rossmoor Amateur Radio Group.

Elizabeth Brydone-Jack, 4012 Roland Dr., Concord, CA 94521-1057. She'll be one of us before long.

Kelly Ellis, 58 Chelsea Way, Pittsburg, CA 94565. We bet Kelly will be with us soon.

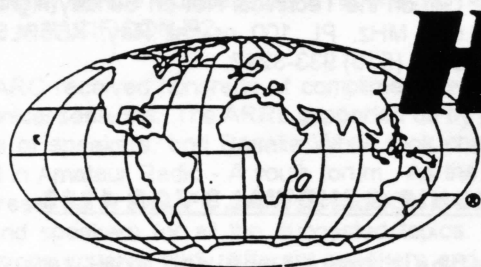
Joe Spinosa, 5025 St. Garrett Ct., Concord, CA 94521. Joe's working on it too!

LOST AT PACIFICON!

A hand tool leather 8.5" x 11" notepad cover was lost at Pacificon '92. It was left at the MDARC booth and has my initials on the front; WRH. It was a 35th anniversary gift from my wife and I'd like to get it back before she notices that its missing. I am offering a \$50 award for its return, no questions asked. Please contact me at (510) 837-9168 if you help in locating this item. It would be very greatly appreciated.

Bill Hockins, KB6EPG

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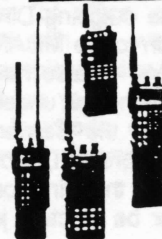
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NO-CODE: A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

I have been following, with great interest, the rumblings on packet about the no-code license issue. As a non-ham until only recently, I have noticed what seems to be a blind spot with many amateurs in the discussion. Perhaps a contribution from my perspective may illuminate it.

First, my background: My chosen profession is in the electronics engineering field, as a technician and technical writer. I was born in 1952 into a Ham family (both mother and father). As a youngster I did some transmitter hunting with my dad, and got a kick out of listening to the activity on the first 2-meter repeaters in Michigan that he helped pioneer. As a teenager I read his QST magazines and was privy to some of the debates raging then over incentive licensing. I never had time for the code, and never tried to get my license as a kid. In my late 20's I earned a novice license and let it lapse for lack of interest in operating CW.

I picked up the no-code ticket the month after it became available, and have been having a lot of fun. I am an antenna builder. I've home-brewed several enhancements for my use on 2 meters and 70 cm. My first QSL card was from a SAREX Packet contact. I have enjoyed a warm welcome from MOST hams. I look forward to many years of expanding my participation to ALL aspects of amateur radio, and I'm grateful to the old timers who kept the hobby alive while I was out learning a trade, starting a family and a career.

Now to my thesis: while studying to take the Technician test, I was greatly amused by one of the five guiding principles of the Amateur Radio Service: "TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRAINED RADIO OPERATORS, AND ELECTRONICS EXPERTS...". It is true that the Amateur ranks once were the principle source of technical people, for instance at the outset of World War II. That was then. I contend that today the Amateur Service is no longer a significant contributor of technically qualified people.

I hold this radical notion because I have observed certain things about my friends and colleagues in the industry. First, there is an air of cheerful interest about these people that is very reminiscent of previous generations of the technically capable: a can-do, "lets see how far we can get" attitude that was bred into them by their radio pioneer fathers, shade tree mechanic grandfathers, steam railway great-grandfathers. A hundred years and more of technical ancestry. The enthusiasm, the rich exchange of ideas, the love of an elegant solution, the appreciation of gadgets for the imagination and creativity they represent, all of these things reflect very closely what I have read of the early days of radio.

I have observed that a large majority of them know very little and care even less about the historical significance of the Amateur Radio Service, or what it has to offer them. Most of my associates found their way into their careers without ever being touched or helped by the amateur community, and their attitude tends to be, "Who needs it?". This generation, baby-boom and younger, has it's own method of communication, and it is not radio. They do their rag chewing digitally, on networks

whose dimensions and scope dwarf anything hams have going. You will have a hard time convincing them of any central, fundamental benefit to be derived from participating in the Amateur Radio Service. I believe they may be gone for good.

I remember the first suggestions of a no-code license surfacing in the mid 60's, when I was a teenager. The state of the art in VHF and UHF communications was advancing rapidly, and there was talk that the emphasis of the new incentive licensing, on CW skills and HF privileges, was misplaced. The argument went that there was nothing wrong with CW per se: it was just inappropriate as THE major license criterion, in the light of where the technology was headed. Increasing numbers of hams were not upgrading once they attained the Technician license, because that license gave them access to the fascinating technical challenges and wide open spectrum that UHF communications had to offer.

I believe that there was an opportunity then, when Silicon Valley was still mostly prune orchards, to remove the "code barrier" for the above-30-MHz world and gather up a new generation of technical elite that was about to remake the electronics industry. Instead, hams hid behind that barrier, living lives of nostalgic tranquillity in their "planned community", while younger minds invented the "superhighway" that bypassed ham radio altogether and built the present day microelectronics industry. Perhaps it was inevitable that Ham Radio would be passed by. Back in the late 60's the infant CB band was already a mess, and the bitterness of that defeat was still fresh. Who was in a position to predict Silicon Valley and the digital revolution? But I just can't help wondering what would have happened to the amateur community if it had somehow made room for the Wozniaks and Jobs of this world, and hundreds of thousands like them. How much farther would the radio art, and amateur radio itself, have advanced by now?

The present Technician license is bringing some of us back. Perhaps that original principle of contributing to a pool of technical people is still salvageable. I believe that the no-code entry license has been a good first step. Other proposals that would simplify the license structure may help even more.

If the Amateur Radio Service no longer contributes significantly to the maintenance of that pool of technically qualified people, then one of the fundamental reasons for Ham Radio's existence, and the radio spectrum devoted to it, is seriously weakened. Do you really want the commercial interests arguing this before the FCC?

Remember the Chinese, technologically advanced while Europe was still a dark continent. They chose to fence the world out, and fell behind when western civilization began to take off. To this day they remain a backward society, running hard to catch up.

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Now Your Talking!

How many of you non-HAMS have heard:

"You know, you really should become a HAM."

"It's really not that hard."

"Don't worry about the Code part, it's not that hard to learn., and, now you don't even have to have it."

"You can get a no-code license if you want."

"If I can do it, you can do it."

Well, guess what? Thanks to the MDARC Education Classes all of what you hear about becoming a HAM Radio Operator is true!

The classes are designed to provide the participants with just enough information to keep their interest and make the "electronic-ez" understandable, while providing the necessary information to get you through the exam. It's a great combination and it is taught in a relaxed but professional manner.

As you might have guessed, I attended the classes this Fall and obtained a Technician Plus license. Truly I never dreamed it would be as easy for me to obtain the license, or that I would pass the tests. After all, I am a person that has been afraid of "lexitricity" all of my life.

With the continued (urging) support of my husband, and the knowledgeable teaching and encouragement of the MDARC volunteer educational staff, learning the Code and the technical information was, (much to my surprise) palatable and fun.

So, if you are remotely interested, or extremely interested in becoming a HAM do it through the MDARC classes. They are professionally taught and I think you'll find the volunteer staff to be patient and supportive in your effort. Remember, "If I can do it, you can do it!"

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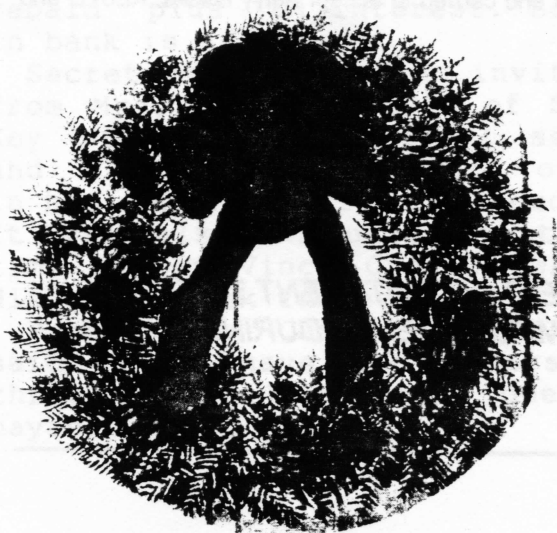
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MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

Two important events this fall found MDARC members again providing valuable communications assistance. The first of these, on September 13, 1992, was the Marathon Relay and 50 K Endurance Run sponsored by the Danny Foundation, a group dedicated to crib safety. With over 1,200 runners spread over a large part of Contra Costa County, radio operators worked in two shifts from 5 different locations in Danville, Alamo, Las Trampas Regional Park and Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga. Communication was carried out using the CCRA system of linked 2 M repeaters and the event proceeded without major incident. MDARC members working this event included Jess Mosher, KI6TB; Bill Brimmer, N6LZM; David Reynolds, KD6KFT; Bob Baggaley, KA6SST; Bill Hockins, KB6EPG; Russ Hockins, KA6FOY; Joe Gregory, WA6DQN; and Stan Poland, N6ZA.

The second event, which occurred on October 4, 1992, was the 11th Mountain Challenge Bicycle Ride, in which over 1,000 cyclists rode up Mount Diablo. This event was sponsored by the Oakland Children's Hospital Branches and radio operators worked in close coordination with Mt. Diablo State Park rangers. Using the RRRG 2 M W6CX repeater, Hams provided communication between event officials and rangers for the bikers welfare and safety. MDARC members working this event included Jess Mosher, KI6TB; Walt Ebbett, KB6QIB; Bill Hockins, KB6EPG; Russ Hockins, KA6FOY; and Tom Seabury, KC6SYG.

George Jones, KI6YK.



MDARC'S BOOTH AT PACIFICON

Those who didn't get to attend Pacificon'92 missed many important things and one of them was MDARC's own booth. Located in the main exhibit hall, it shared space with ARRL and attracted many interested visitors. Club members, who manned the booth representing all of us in a very complimentary way included Paul Dickey, N6JOX; Bill Hockins, WB6EPG; Jay Caldis, KT6Y; Jim Brunk, N6BHX and Greg Nelson, WB6MBD.

Besides giving out literature and answering questions about the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club, the Rocky Ridge Repeater Group and the ARRL, these loyal members also registered six new members to the Club.

One interesting attraction at the MDARC Club booth was a collection of photographs taken by Bill Hockins at this year's Field Day on Mount Diablo, including a striking panoramic view of the entire Club set up.

Thanks, fellows, for a job well done and for taking time to contribute to this important part of a successful Pacificon. The club can be proud of you.

George Jones, KI6YK

HOW COME?

The Membership Chairman heads the largest committee in MDARC. Every single member belongs in that group and it is the outstanding job they have done that has caused the club membership to double in the last five years.

Which brings us to the question about why everyone has received an extra Membership Form in their membership renewal packet. Well, as members of the Membership Committee surely you ought to have at least one Membership Form on hand so that if anyone ever expresses an interest in joining the club, or you know of someone you would like to give a membership to as a gift, you'll have the appropriate form on hand. So if you don't use it right now, store it someplace where you can get your hands on it at the appropriate time.

George Jones, KI6YK

Rocky Ridge Repeater Group - Regular Meeting November 18, 1992

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by chairman Paul Girard. He announced that it was election night. First time visitors to the club were introduced. Last meetings minutes were approved as published in the Carrier.

Treas. Norma Davis, N6EJZ, reported a bank balance of \$ 4770.16 with all bills paid.

Tech. chairman Mike Burke, KB6RMT, presented the technical report. He reported the isolator has been replaced on the 440 repeater. He thanked Keith Lattin, N6PMF, Jim Tittle, KC6SOE, and all who helped with the ATV repeater. Keith explained the receive sensitivity problem with the 440 machine caused by the window filter. Cost to remedy the problem was placed at \$600.00 to \$ 700.00. Jay Caldis, KT6Y, made a motion for the club to authorize expenditure of the money. Motion was seconded. Discussion from members, time factor was asked. Keith estimated 6 weeks. A request to amend the motion, to raise the expenditure up to \$ 900.00. Motion was amended. Keith stated the hope was for the site owner to help with the cost. Chairman Girard asked Richard Shappee, WA5HQJ, to work with Keith on negotiating with the site owner. The amended motion was carried.

Keith stated a dish was purchased to cure downlink problems at the PACIFICON Hawaii teleconference. The dish was purchased at cost and can be used year round by the club. The cost was approximately \$ 250.00. Because of the time factor, Keith purchased the equipment with his own funds. Jay made a motion that the R.R.R.G. purchase the equipment. Motion was seconded and carried.

Paul opened the floor for club officer nominations. For chairman: **Paul Girard, KC6TZU**, incumbent, Dick Brown, KT6X nominated **Dwane McGlothlin, N6SPX**, Ron Pawelchak, WD6DSU, nominated **Jim Tittle, KC6SOE**, Bill Kramer, KA6FMU, nominated **Bernie Sgambati, KB6MTI**, Bernie and Jim withdrew their nominations. For tech. chairman: **Mike Burke, KB6RMT**, incumbent. Jim Tittle, KC6SOE, nominated Keith Lattin, **N6PMF**. For Director at large: Jay Caldis, KT6Y, nominated **Richard Shappee, WA5HQJ**, Dwane McGlothlin, N6SPX, nominated **Bernie Sgambati, KB6MTI**. For Treasurer: **Norma Davis, N6EJZ**, incumbent. For Secretary: **Kent Barham, KD6JAC**, incumbent.

Statements were made by all candidates and the vote taken. 1993 R.R.R.G. officers are:

Chairman, Dwane McGlothlin, N6SPX
Tech. Chairman, Mike Burke, KB6RMT
Assist. Tech Chair., Keith Lattin, N6PMF
Directors at large, Richard Shappee, WA5HQJ, and Bernie Sgambati, KB6MTI
Treasurer, Norma Davis, N6EJZ
Secretary, Kent Barham, KD6JAC

Paul announced a log periodic antenna building class on Saturday January 30. For information contact Ray, KD6BLS or Pete, KA6SHE. He also announced the death of Vic Cassman, W6OR. Jay reminded the members that the 2 meter and 440 auto dialer (slots) are off do to the jammer until the end of the year. Auto patch is still active. All features on the 220 machine are on. Bill Hockins, KB6EPG, requested anybody with information on a hand tooled leather notebook lost at PACIFICON please contact him. Richard Shappee reported that Dwayne Eskridge, W6LKE was in the hospital doing well but there were concerns of a kidney problem. He also announced the MDARC meeting agenda. He mentioned this was the second month in a row that MDARC information has been published in the Contra Costa Times.

There were two new candidates up for membership. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Barry Isseks, KE6YD and Steven Hillyard, KD6OCV.

51 people attended the meeting which adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Kent Barham, Secty., KD6JAC @ KI6WE.#NOCAL.USA.NA

THANK YOU TO THE 1992 RRRG OFFICERS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CLUB, ITS MEMBERSHIP AND OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR

MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING
Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio
Club

November 20, 1992 Time: 8:06pm

Board Members present:

Pres.	Pete Tormey
Vice Pres.	Richard Shappee
Treas.	Stan Christian
Secty.	Walt Ebbett
Directors:	Larry Gansz
	Dick Brown

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Pete. Guests and visitors were introduced and up-grades announced. This being election nite of officers for 1993, ballots will be counted before the break.

Geo. Roush announced the Xmas party will be the 3rd Fri. in Dec. at our regular meeting place.

It was announced that Art Mayoff from the Base Station in Concord will become a U.S. Citizen on Dec. 3rd.

Loren Stiles said he will need a lot of help for Field Day and will call for volunteers in January.

V.P. Shappee mentioned the Xmas Party here. Also there are fotos on the wall of last summer picnic. He also said Dwayne Eskridge sends his greetings. Raffle will be after the break instead at end of program.

Treasurer Stan reported \$3,650 loan to PacificCon '92 has been repaid plus 10% interest. Balance in bank is \$6,944.

Secretary Walt read an invitation from Mrs. Cassman, wife of Silent Key W6OR, to a memorial service and a potluck. A picture of Vic in his shack was also included. It was also announced that old time member Vince Cronin, WA6KDA, died last week in Nevada.

Membership Chmn. Geo. Jones said we now have 489 members less three silent keys. Also dues are payable.

Ray Gaschk said the 2M ant. class will start in Jan., lasting 3 or 4 hours. Also listen to the Elmer net on Sun. 7:30 PM on 147.06.

Education Chmn. Jeff Jones said new radio classes starting first part of February. No Genl. or Advance class. Books needed for donation to Pleasant Hill Library. It was moved, seconded and passed that up to \$250 be used for books to be checked out at the library.

Don Ledwith said T-shirts available for \$10. Shirts available in winter and jackets in the summer. He has a sign-up sheet for jackets.

Dwayne McGlothlin, new Chmn. of Rocky Ridge Repeater Group was introduced and he then introduced new board.

Under new business Pres. Pete extended an apology on behalf of the club regarding the article in the Carrier pertaining to the Auction that offended so many. The Board will take the matter up at its next meeting.

Motion made then withdrawn that a hospitality suite be available for MDARC members at next PacificCon. This matter will be taken up by the PacificCon Comm. Next PacificCon meeting will be Dec. 5th. There was a nice profit from '92 Convention which will be the seed money for '93.

There were no nominations from the floor. 1993 Officers are: Pres. Dick Schulze; V.P. Dick Tamsik; Secty. Tom Seabury; Treasurer Stan Christian; E.C. John Stuart; Board Members Larry Gansz and Dick Brown.

There were 113 present at the General Meeting.

Speaker was Dr. Len Traubman, Pediatric Dentist and Amateur Radio Operator W6HJK.

He spoke of his work with Doctors in Russia and the use of Ham Radio in exchange of medical information between Russia and the United States.

Len also showed slides.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter W. Ebbett, Jr., Secty.

M.D.A.R.C.
Board Minutes

Date: October 23, 1992
Time: 7:30 PM

Board Members present:

Pres. Pete Tormey
Secty. Walt Ebbett
Treas Stan Christian
Director Larry Gansz

1993 Officers:

Tom Seabury
Stan Christian
John Stuart
Larry Gansz

It was moved, seconded and passed that the minutes as printed be approved.

Treasurer Stan reported bank balance of \$7,171.70. A bank service charge of \$8 made because of below minimum in checking.

A letter from Parky Parkinson was read regarding the name of Vince Cronin being placed on Silent Key plaque. The board decided that only names of paid up members of the club at time of death be placed on the Silent Key plaque. Secty. instructed to write an answer to Parky.

Pres. Pete read a letter from ARRL saying that PacifiCon '92 was Informative and Fun Filled. Also, they wish to know when the video tapes will be available.

Membership Chmn Geo. Jones reported membership at 488 plus 3 Silent Keys, so far this year.

Dick Schulze to be contacted to handle awards at the Xmas party, and names also suggested for awards. Moved, seconded and passed to allow \$100 for additional PacifiCon '92 awards.

Discussion held on letter from Dick Tuller regarding letter in November Carrier regarding the past Auction. The Pres. will place an apology in the Carrier and a motion was made and unanimously

approved by the Board that any future articles by Paul Girard, be submitted for review by the Pres. before being printed in the Carrier. This policy will be communicated, in writing by the Secty., to the Carrier Editor.

A motion was made that the Board recommend to the Pres. that Paul Gerard be removed as Chairman of the Auction Committee. Motion died for lack of a second.

Stan Christian to check into getting MDARC badges made locally.

John Stuart announced the tentative date for next RACES training session will be Feb. 27th. A motion was made, seconded and passed to appropriate up to \$100 as long as an accounting be made to MDARC to cover RACES expenses for training materials and certificates, on a one time basis.

Next Board meeting at home of Larry Gansz on 29th December.

Meeting closed 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER W. EBBETT, Jr., Secty.

M.D.A.R.C.

Twenty Five Years Ago
by Walt Ebbett, KB6QIB

Little Known Facts About December:

Dec. 15 is Bill of Rights Day.
12/15/48 Alger Hiss was indicted for perjury.
12/18/36 first Giant Panda imported to the US.
12/20/63 Berlin Wall opened temporarily.
12/31/46 President Truman proclaimed officially the end of WW2.

Ygnacio Valley High School forms Amateur Radio Club WB6EXO. The club boasts 16 members of which two are General Class and two hold Novice License.

At the Board Meeting of Nov. 28th it was found out that Paul Parker, WB6DHH is engaged to Miss Louise Dost.

The Mount Diablo Amateur
Radio Club

P.O. Box 23222
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Meetings:
Third Friday Each Month
8:00 PM / 2000 hours
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, CA

Club Officers

President:
Pete Tormey, N6QGN
(510)680-0920
Vice President:
Richard Shappee, WA5HQJ
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Secretary:
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Stan Christian, WU6P
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(510)837-9316
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Skip Slates, KC6JEM
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Dick Brown, KT6X
(510)676-9048
Larry Gansz, KB2GV
(510)356-2411

Contra Costa County
ARES/RACES Nets

Thursdays, 1900 Hours
Central County - 145.680/s
James House, KA6IVF
(510)372-0345
East County - 146.535/s
Bill Hall, KB9M
(510)778-0977
South County - 146.355/+ (100 pl)
George Jones, KI6YK
(510)837-9316
West County - 145.110/-
Robert Hughes, N6SPY
(510)527-7048
QSY to 147.735/- at 1920 Hours
Meeting of all County
ARES/RACES Nets

The Rocky Ridge Repeater
Group

P.O. Box 23222
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Next Meeting:
Third Wednesday Of Odd Months
8:00 PM / 2000 hours
Contra Costa Fire College
2945 Treat Bld., Concord, CA

Club Officers

Chairman:
Paul Girard, KC6TZU
(510)689-2346
Technical Chairman:
Mike Burke, KB6RMT
(510)682-7296

RRRG Repeaters

147.060/+(100 pl)
224.780/-(077 pl)
441.325/+(100 pl)
ATV - Input - 1253.250
Output - 427.250 (Cable CH 58)

RRRG Nets

Phone Net - Thursdays
1930 Hours, 147.060/+(100 pl)
Net Control: Jay Caldis, KT6Y
ATV Net - Thursdays
2000 Hours, Net Control:
Mike Burke, KB6RMT,
Alt.: Don Smith, W6NKF,
2nd Alt.: John Cunningham, KC6KIQ

Contra Costa County
Emergency Services HF Net

First Thursday following
first Wednesday,
2000 Hours, 3.895 MHz
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Livermore Swapmeet	Las Positas College Livermore	First Sunday Each Month All Year, 7AM to Noon
MDARC Annual Christmas Party	Our Savior Lutheran Church 1035 Carol Ln., Lafayette	Friday, 6:00 p.m., December 18, 1992
Deadline for December Carrier Articles	NA	January 1, 1993
RRRG General Membership Meeting	Contra Costa Fire College, 2945 Treat Blvd., Concord	January 20, 1993
MDARC General Membership Meeting	Our Savior Lutheran Church 1035 Carol Ln., Lafayette	January 22, 1993
MDARC Antenna Class	Location TBA	Saturday, January 30, 1993

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



MDARC Christmas party on December 18, 1992. Seating is limited, reservations are going fast. Get yours in quickly!